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APPENDIX TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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EXHIBIT A

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[January 10, 1985]

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of insanity. The jury found the appellant guilty of all offenses charged.

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Appellant's fourth point concerns rulings involving the exercise of the trial court's discretion. We find that the record does not demonstrate any abuse of discretion. See Dobbert v. Florida, 432 U.S. 282 (1977).

We have previously rejected appellant's fifth claim that alleges error in the denial of an evidentiary hearing on the issue of whether a death-qualified jury is also a guilt-prone jury. Dobbert v. State, 409 So. 2d 1053 (Fla. 1982). We refuse to revisit this issue.

Sentencing Phase

The appellant raises eight issues concerning the sentencing phase of his trial. We address only his contention that it was reversible error for the trial judge to give the jury the "Allen charge"[3] after the jury had announced that it had become deadlocked during deliberations on whether to recommend a death or life sentence. In Rose v. State, 425 So. 2d 521 (Fla.), cert. denied, 461 U.S. 909, (1983), we faced a similar situation. In that case we stated:

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> recommendation because, if seven jurors do not vote to recommend death, then the recommendation is life imprisonment. There was no reason to give the "Allen charge" during the penalty phase of the trial. We therefore vacate the death sentence and hold that defendant is entitled to a new sentencing proceeding before a jury.

Id. at 525. We find no logical distinction between the instant case and our Rose decision and hold that the case must be remanded for a new sentencing hearing. We do not find it appropriate to treat the jury recommendation as a life recommendation and the trial judge's sentence as a jury override, as urged by the state. There was no life recommendation in this case and the trial court did not, therefore, consider this significant factor in his sentencing decision. To now treat the jury recommendation as a life recommendation and review appellant's sentence without the benefit of the trial judge's consideration and application of the Tedder doctrine[4] would require this Court to make an assumption as to what sentence the trial judge would have imposed if the jury had actually returned a life recommendation. We decline to do so.

Accordingly, we affirm appellant's convictions and sentences with the exception of the death sentence. We vacate the death sentence and remand to the trial court for a new sentencing proceeding before a jury. In view of the evidence that was presented during the sentencing proceeding, we direct the trial court's attention to the United States Supreme Court decision in Eddings v. Oklahoma, 455 U.S. 104 (1982), and its possible application to the facts of this case.

It is so ordered.

BOYD, C.J., ALDERMAN, McDONALD, EHRLICH and SHAW, JJ., Concur
ADKINS, J., Concurs in the conviction, but dissents from the sentence

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Thomas E. Scott, Jr., Judge - Case No. 81-19702

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> The record indicates that the charge was given after the jury advised the court by a note which read, "We are tied six to six, and no one will change their mind at the moment. Please instruct us." At that point, the trial judge should have advised the jury that it was not necessary to have a majority reach a sentencing

3. Allen v. United States, 164 U.S. 492 (1896).

> recommendation because, if seven jurors do not vote to recommend death, then the recommendation is life imprisonment. There was no reason to give the "Allen charge" during the penalty phase of the trial. We therefore vacate the death sentence and hold that defendant is entitled to a new sentencing proceeding before a jury.

Id. at 525. We find no logical distinction between the instant case and our Rose decision and hold that the case must be remanded for a new sentencing hearing. We do not find it appropriate to treat the jury recommendation as a life recommendation and the trial judge's sentence as a jury override, as urged by the state. There was no life recommendation in this case and the trial court did not, therefore, consider this significant factor in his sentencing decision. To now treat the jury recommendation as a life recommendation and review appellant's sentence without the benefit of the trial judge's consideration and application of the Tedder doctrine[4] would require this Court to make an assumption as to what sentence the trial judge would have imposed if the jury had actually returned a life recommendation. We decline to do so.

Accordingly, we affirm appellant's convictions and sentences with the exception of the death sentence. We vacate the death sentence and remand to the trial court for a new sentencing proceeding before a jury. In view of the evidence that was presented during the sentencing proceeding, we direct the trial court's attention to the United States Supreme Court decision in Eddings v. Oklahoma, 455 U.S. 104 (1982), and its possible application to the facts of this case.

It is so ordered.

BOYD, C.J., ALDERMAN, McDONALD, EHRLICH and SHAW, JJ., Concur
ADKINS, J., Concurs in the conviction, but dissents from the sentence

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE REHEARING MOTION AND, IF FILED, DETERMINED.

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4. Tedder v. State, 322 So. 2d 908 (Fla. 1975).

An Appeal and Cross-Appeal from the Circuit Court in and for Dade County,

Thomas E. Scott, Jr., Judge - Case No. 91-19702

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ROBERT PATTEN, Appellant, v. STATE OF FLORIDA, Appellee.	CASE NO. 61,945 Appeal from the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Capital Case

MOTION FOR REHEARING

and

MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD

Defendant, through undersigned counsel, moves this Court for a Rehearing, pursuant to Rule 9.330(a), and to Supplement the Record, pursuant to Rule 9.200(f), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, and in support thereof states:

I

Motion to Supplement the Record

The Court's opinion attaches great significance to the absence from the Record transmitted to the Court of a written Notice of Intent to Rely on the Defense of Insanity. That importance is contrary to counsels' expectation given this Court's prior case law.

The conclusion that no written Notice of Intent to Rely on an Insanity Defense was filed is erroneous. If, for purposes of the attached Motion for Rehearing, the Court is not satisfied that a written notice was filed, appellant requests that this Court temporarily relinquish jurisdiction to the trial court to permit a hearing and determination of whether, in fact, the written notice was filed, as authorized by Rule 9.200(f), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Defendant submits that the record currently before the Court amply establishes that a Notice of Intent was filed. Because prior case law placed no importance on the existence of notice, written or otherwise, where a defendant had previously been found insane, counsel did not deem it necessary to formally invoke the

procedures of Rule 9.200(f). Nevertheless, out of an excess of caution, defendant's Reply Brief specifically stated: "If the Court is seriously concerned that defendant did not provide such a notice, even though the state had actual notice, defendant suggests this Court temporarily relinquish jurisdiction to permit the record to be supplemented." Defendant's Reply Brief, page 2, n.1.

It is true that the Record as transmitted to this Court fails to contain the Notice of Intent. Nevertheless, the Record belies the Court's conclusion that no written notice was filed. It shows that the state received a copy of defendant's Notice of Intent to Rely on the Defense of Insanity in open court (Tr. 35-36). In response (certainly for no other reason) the state filed a Motion demanding an Insanity Bill of Particulars, asserting therein that the defendant "has entered a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity . . ." (R. 101). The Motion was denied on the ground that the information had been previously furnished (R. 129).

The Appendix to this Motion to Supplement the Record contains the affidavits of Marsha L Lyons, Esquire, lead defense counsel and G. Bartram Billbrough, assistant defense counsel and currently an Assistant Attorney General. Their affidavits assert that a Notice of Intent to Rely on the Defense of Insanity was filed in open Court, as indicated on pages 35 and 36 of the transcript. Additionally, the Appendix contains the affidavit of Peter M. Siegel, Esquire, one of defendant's appellate counsel, attesting to his locating a copy of the Notice of Intent in the file maintained by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Said document is not a part of the Record transmitted to this Court. A certified copy of the document is attached to Mr. Siegel's affidavit. The Appendix also contains the affidavit of William L. Richey, Esquire, another of defendant's appellate counsel, attesting to his discussions with the State's Attorney responsible for prosecution of Robert Patten. Finally, the Appendix contains an affidavit by Thomas Scott, the former

Circuit Court Judge who presided over the trial. All the affidavits indicate that the Notice of Intent was filed.

As these affidavits clearly demonstrate, the absence of the actual piece of paper is attributable to an error by the Court Clerk and not defense counsel's failure to prepare and serve the notice. Moreover, there can be no question that both the State and the trial court were fully aware of the existence of the Notice from the earliest stages of the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, appellant again requests, this time by way of Motion, that if the Court doubts that a Notice of Intent was filed, it temporarily relinguish jurisdiction to the trial court to permit an evidentiary hearing on the issue of whether the Notice of Intent was filed.

II

Motion for Rehearing

Defendant moves for a rehearing on the following grounds: (1) a Notice of Intent to Rely on the Defense of Insanity was filed in the trial court, (2) the reversal of existing case law and the retroactive application of the new rule of law to defendant violates the Due Process Clause, and (3) because a trial court has no authority to reject a jury verdict that is permitted by the jury instructions, the defendant is entitled to the benefit of the jury's apparent life recommendation.

1. Notice of Intent.

The defense did file a Notice of Intent to Rely on the Defense of Insanity. The facts and circumstances are detailed above, and need not be repeated. This Court's conclusion that "[n]o written notice of intent to rely on the defense of insanity was ever submitted to the court in accordance with Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.216" (slip opinion, p. 3) is not correct. Although not filed by the Clerk, the transcript reflects delivery in open court (Tr. 36). Thus, to the extent a written notice is required to trigger the state's burden of proof with respect to the mental state of the defendant, that trigger was

given.

2. Retroactive Application of a Change of Law.

Prior to the instant decision, Florida followed the long-established and widespread rule that one who has been adjudged insane is presumed to continue so until the state establishes, at trial, that his sanity has returned. That rule can be found as early as 1892. Armstrong v. State, 30 Fla. 170, 11 So. 618 (1892). It has been consistently followed to date. Corbin v. State, 129 Fla. 421, 176 So. 435 (1937); Acree v. State, 15 So.2d 262 (Fla. 1943); Emerson v. State, 294 So.2d 721 (Fla. 4th DCA 1974); Alexander v. State, 380 So.2d 1188 (Fla. 5th DCA 1980); Livingston v. State, 383 So.2d 947 (Fla. 2d DCA 1980); King v. State, 387 So.2d 403 (Fla. 1st DCA 1980); Eason v. State, 421 So.2d 35 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982). This unbroken line of authority required the state to prove at trial that Robert Patten was competent at the time of the alleged offenses.

Because the presumption was of insanity, and because the state bore the burden of proof, the question of whether the defendant was sane at the time of the offense cannot properly be characterized as an affirmative defense.[1]

For the first time, this Court has now held that insanity is an affirmative defense even where the defendant has previously been found insane and his competency not judicially restored. Undoubtly, the Court has the power to adopt such a rule -- prospectively -- not retroactively. The Court has overlooked the fact that retroactive application of a new rule of procedure, because it disadvantages the defendant, violates the Due Process Clause. A rehearing is requested because of the Court's omission

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1. Although the Evidence Code's presumption rules do not apply to criminal proceedings, the nature of a presumption, set forth in § 90.302, Fla. Stat. (1983), is fully applicable to the operative effect of a legitimate presumption in the criminal law context. All presumptions, whether implicating the burden of producing evidence or the burden of proof, require the party against whom the presumption operates to go forward or suffer the consequences of the presumption. Since the criminal defendant previously adjudged insane is entitled to a presumption of continuing insanity, unless the state does something to overcome the presumption, the state has failed to establish all essential elements of the offense.

to consider this vital doctrine.

The Court's opinion, without citation, reverses at least five prior decisions of this Court. Perkins v. Mayo, 92 So.2d 641 (Fla. 1957); Horace v. Culver, 111 So.2d 670 (Fla. 1959); Dixon v. Cochran, 142 So.2d 5 (Fla. 1962), cert. denied, 371 U.S. 866 (1962); Clark v. Wainwright, 148 So.2d 273 (Fla. 1963); Yates v. Wainwright, 151 So.2d 832 (Fla. 1963). Florida law, for nearly a century, has clearly held that the presumption of sanity does not exist once a person has been found insane. Instead there is a presumption of continuing insanity which can only be removed by proof of sanity. Wells v. State, 98 So.2d 795 (Fla. 1957). See, Bratten, Florida Criminal Procedure §7.4, pp. 89-90 (1983). The consequences are that the state, not the defendant, bears the initial burden of going forward, as well as the ultimate burden of proof.

Moreover, all the Florida cases establishing the state's burden were decided under procedures that required defendants, other than those previously judged insane, to give notice of intent to rely on the defense of insanity. The initial rule, which did not require a separate written notice, was statutory, last found at § 909.17, Fla. Stat. (1969), repealed by Ch. 70-339, §180, Laws of 1970. See, Adkins, Florida Criminal Law and Procedure 384 (1st ed. 1954).

The initial adoption of the Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure made no change in the notice requirement. According to the Rules of Criminal Procedure Committee, the original version of Rule 3.210(b), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure (1967), was the same as the statute. In re Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, 196 So.2d 124, 149-50 (Fla. 1967).

The 1972 revision made no change. In re Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure, 272 So.2d 65, 104-05 (Fla. 1972). Indeed, this Court was careful to note that the Rules of Criminal Procedure were just that, procedure, and did not effect substantive rights [272 So.2d at 65-66 (Justice Adkins, concurring)]. The West commentary to the Rules make it clear that there was no

intent to change the rule of the cases relied upon by defendant. The author notes:

> If an accused has been adjudged insane at a prior time, then the burden shifts to the state to establish that said person was sane at the time of the crime in view of the presumption of continuing insanity. Wells v. State, 1957, 98 So.2d 795.

Author's Comments to Rule 3.210, 33 F.S.A. p. 364 (West 1975). Further, the author's note specifically states that: "Paragraph (b) [of Rule 3.210] is the same as the prior paragraph (b) of Rule 3.210 [1967 Rules of Criminal Procedure] and former F.S.A. §909.17."

The 1977 revision of Rule 3.210 for the first time imposed the requirement that a separate written notice of intent to rely upon the defense of insanity be filed. Rule 3.210(e), Florida Rules of Criminal Procedure (1977). There is no indication in the 1977 revision that the authors meant to change the rule of Wells v. State, 98 So.2d 795 (Fla. 1957), Perkins v. Mayo, 92 So.2d 641 (Fla. 1957), or any of the other cases relied upon by defendant. See, In re Rules of Criminal Procedure, 343 So.2d 1247, 1256-1260 (Fla. 1977).

The 1980 revision separated the rules concerning competency to stand trial and competency at the time of offense. It adopted current Rule 3.216(b) which, according to the Committee, was "[e]ssentially the same as in prior rules; provides that written notice must be given in advance by the defendant." In re Rules of Criminal Procedure, 389 So.2d 610, 624-626 (Fla. 1980). Again, there is not the slightest hint that adoption of the rules was meant to reverse the rule of law relied upon by defendant.

Until this Court's decision in the instant matter, the courts of Florida, in an unbroken line of cases dating back to 1892, had uniformly followed the rule that a prior finding of insanity creates a presumption of continuing insanity and shifts the burden to the state to come forth with proof of sanity. Alexander v. State, 380 So.2d 1188 (Fla. 5th DCA 1980). The Court's opinion reverses this long established Florida rule. Only by reversing the applicable rule of law is the Court able to

hold that insanity is an affirmative defense and that the defendant bears the burden of presenting evidence of insanity sufficient to raise a reasonable doubt before the burden shifts to the state to prove sanity beyond a reasonable doubt. Perhaps significantly, the Court does not cite a single Florida case for the proposition of law it applies to defendant.

A new rule of law cannot be applied retroactively if it prejudices the defendant. The Ex Post Facto Clause is a limitation upon the power of the Legislature and does not of its own force apply to the Judicial Branch of government. "But the principle on which the Clause is based -- the notion that persons have a right to fair warning of conduct which will give rise to criminal penalties -- is fundamental to our concept of constitutional liberty. . . As such, that right is protected against judicial action by the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment." Marks v. United States, 430 U.S. 188, 191-192, 97 S.Ct. 990, 992-993, 51 L.Ed.2d 260 (1977).

"If a state legislature is barred by the Ex Post Facto Clause from passing such a law, it must follow that a State Supreme Court is barred by the Due Process Clause from achieving precisely the same result by judicial construction." Bouie v. City of Columbia, 378 U.S. 347, 353, 84 S.Ct. 1697, 1702, 12 L.Ed.2d 894 (1964).

A law is ex post facto if it applies to events occurring before its enactment and if it disadvantages the offender affected by it. Weaver v. Graham, 450 U.S. 24, 101 S.Ct. 960, 67 L.Ed.2d 17 (1981). In explaining, the Court noted:

> We have also held that no ex post facto violation occurs if the change effected is merely procedural, and does "not increase the punishment nor change the ingredients of the offense or the ultimate facts necessary to establish guilt." Hopt v. Utah, 110 U.S. 574,590, 4 S.Ct. 202, 210, 28 L.Ed. 262 (1884). See Dobbert v. Florida, 432 U.S. 282, 293, 97 S.Ct. 2290, 2298, 53 L.Ed.2d 344 (1977). Alteration of a substantial right, however, is not merely procedural, even if the statute takes a seemingly procedural form. Thompson v. Utah, 170 U.S. 343, 354-55, 18 S.Ct. 620, 624, 42 L.Ed. 1061 (1898); Kring v. Missouri, supra, at 232, 2 S.Ct., at 452.

Id., 101 S.Ct. at 964, n.12.

"If a judicial construction of a criminal statute is unexpected and indefensible by reference to the law which had been expressed prior to the conduct in issue, it must not be given retroactive effect." Bouie v. City of Columbia, 378 U.S. 347, 353, 84 S.Ct. 1697, 1702, 12 L.Ed.2d 894 (1964). The Bouie Court concluded:

> When a state court overrules a consistent line of procedural decisions with the retroactive effect of denying a litigant a hearing in a pending case, it thereby deprives him of due process of law "in its primary sense of an opportunity to be heard and to defend [his] substantive right."

378 U.S. at 354, 84 S.Ct. at 1703. State v. Byers, 102 Idaho 159, 627 P.2d 788 (1981), clearly recognizes that a change in the law by judical decision making is ex post facto and, therefore, violative of the Due Process Clause. In Byers, the Idaho Supreme Court abolished the requirement of corroboration for sex offender crimes. However, because no corroborative testimony was offered at Byers' trial, his conviction was reversed. "Obviously," noted the Court, "our holding today alters the legal rules of evidence such that 'less or different testimony than the law required at the time of the commission of the offense (is necessary) in order to convict the offender.'" 627 P.2d at 795.

"Perhaps the easiest case is that in which a judicial decision subsequent to the defendants' conduct operates to his detriment by overruling a prior decision which, if applied to the defendant's case, would result in his acquittal. For example, the later decision may . . . disallow a defense permitted in an earlier case." Lafave & Scott, Handbook on Criminal Law 94-95 (1972).

This Court's opinion, in fact, overrules prior precedent to the detriment of the defendant. Under the prior law, defendant's conviction could not stand. Under the law has set forth in the Court's opinion, Robert Patten's conviction is affirmed.

United States v. Williams, 475 F.2d 355 (D.C. Cir. 1973), is on all fours with the instant case. In Williams the Legislature

changed the rules concerning establishing insanity by shifting both the quantum of proof and the party who bore the burden of proof. In finding that statutory modification to violate the Ex Post Facto Clause if applied to defendants whose crimes were committed prior to the statutory amendment, the court held:

> A long time ago the United States Supreme Court defined ex post facto laws to include "[e]very law which alters the legal rules of evidence, and receives less, or different, testimony, than the law required at the time of the commission of the offence, in order to convict the offender." Calder v. Bull, 3 U.S. (3 Dall.) 386, 390. 1 L.Ed. 648 (1798). (Emphasis in original.) That definition represents the law today just as it did in 1798. The retroactive application given Section 207(6) by the trial court "alter[ed] the legal rules of evidence" so that appellant was convicted on "less, or different, testimony, than the law required at the time of the commission of the offence." Certainly the court's charge, "'in its relation to the offence, or its consequences, alter[ed] the situation of the accused to his disadvantage.'" Thompson v. Utah, 170 U.S. 343, 351, 18 S.Ct. 620, 623, 42 L.Ed. 1051 (1898), quoting United States v. Hall, 2 Wash.C.C. 366. Moreover, Congress, in enacting Section 207(6), specifically intended to alter the situation of the accused to his disadvantage. Congress was concerned that existing law "* * * permitt[ed] dangerous criminals, particularly psychopaths, to win acquittals of serious criminal charges on grounds of insanity by raising a mere reasonable doubt as to their sanity* * *." H.R.Rep. No.91-907. 91st Cong., 1st Sess., 74 (1970).
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> Under the circumstances, appellant's conviction must be reversed on ex post facto grounds.

475 F.2d at 356-57 (Footnotes omitted)(emphasis in original).

This Court's holding that insanity is always an affirmative defense does precisely what was condemned in Williams.

Changes in the rules of evidence that work to the detriment of the defendant are barred by the Ex Post Facto Clause. The Clause extends to any alteration, even one labeled procedural, "which in relation to the offense or its consequences, alters the situation of a party to his disadvantage." Kring v. Missouri, 107 U.S. 221, 2 S.Ct. 443, 27 L.Ed. 506 (1882). A typical example is Walker v. State, 433 So.2d 469 (Ala. 1983). In Walker the Alabama Supreme Court held that repeal of the law making inadmissible statements made by a child while in police custody worked such a substantial disadvantage to the juvenile as to

invoke the Ex Post Facto Clause. The Court went on to hold that "[b]ut for the legislature's repeal [of the evidentiary bar], the defendant admittedly would have been acquitted. Certainly such a change deprives the defendant of a right in a most substantial way." 433 So.2d at 473.

Similarly, in State v. R. H., 273 S.E.2d 578 (W.Va. 1980), the prior law provided that no testimony of a juvenile offender given at a transfer hearing could be admitted into evidence at any subsequent criminal trial. The trial judge announced that he would apply the new juvenile code, which did not contain the admissibility bar. As a result, the juvenile chose not to testify in order to protect his Fifth Amendment rights, and the juvenile was transferred for trial as an adult. The conviction was reversed, the court finding that application of the new rule violated the Ex Post Facto Clause. The detriment occurred because the offender, in order to protect his right against self-incrimination, was forced to give up any meaningful chance to prevent the transfer.

So too, with Robert Patten. Under the prior law, his conviction cannot stand. Under the law has set forth in the Court's opinion, the conviction is affirmed. That is precisely what the Ex Post Facto Clause is meant to prevent.

Accord, Goode v. State, 50 Fla. 45, 39 So. 461 (1905); United States v. Goodheim, 651 F.2d 1294 (9th Cir. 1981); Government of Virgin Islands v. Civil, 591 F.2d 255 (3d Cir. 1979); United States v. Henson, 486 F.2d 1292, 1304-1308 (D.C. Cir. 1973); State v. Mauro, 139 Ariz. 422, 678 P.2d 1386 (Ariz. 1984); State v. Mee, 102 Idaho 474, 632 P.2d 663 (1981); People v. Martinez, 82 Misc. 2d 56, 368 N.Y.S.2d 699 (Sup.Ct. 1975).

Appellant's position, contrary to the Court's opinion (slip opinion, p. 7) is both logical and reasonable. In addition, it is in accord with prior case law. First, of course, no matter how obvious the defendant's guilt, no matter how mute defense counsel stands, the state always bears the burden of proving each and every element of the offense. United States v. Goetz, 746

F.2d 705 (11th Cir. 1984). It is true that the state, in order to meet its burden, would have had to produce expert testimony of defendant's competency at the time of the offense. It is also true that the testimony, in all probability, would inform the jury of defendant's prior commitments. It is not necessarily true that the testimony would, of necessity, have had to inform the jury of defendant's prior acquittal of criminal offenses by way of insanity, since it would have been sufficient for the trial court to instruct the jury that because of a prior adjudication of insanity, the defendant is presumed to continue to be insane until proved otherwise. Nor, in light of the nature of the insanity defense, would defendant be prejudiced by a full telling of his mental health history.

Finally, shifting the burden of producing evidence can have a very significant effect on the jury's perception of the mens rea of the defendant. If the state, as part of its case in chief, and not as rebuttal, is forced to attempt to prove defendant's competency, the jury may well conclude that where there is smoke there is fire. And more importantly for Robert Patten's case, even if the jury did not find him incompetent, compelling the state to go forward with testimony concerning competency may well have caused the jury to return a verdict of second degree murder, the only real defense tendered to the jury.

Defendant requests a rehearing because this Court overlooked the rule of law that the adoption of a new rule of law cannot be applied retroactively. "Hard cases, as we all know, make bad law. This is an exceedingly hard case . . . I am sympathetic with the majority's dilemma when asked to free . . . the apparent perpetrator of a gruesome crime in the name of a legal theory. However, the theory that a person accused of a crime is innocent until found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a jury of his peers is, I think, at the foundation of the Anglo-American system of criminal law; it responds to the fundamental demands of justice; and it must be closely guarded against erosion even in

as difficult a situation as this one."[2]

3. The Jury's Apparent Life Recommendation Cannot Be Rejected By the Trial Court.

The Court apparently overlooked the basic relief requested by appellant as a result of the Rose[3] violation, which was a remand for a new sentencing premised on the fact that the jury obviously intended to return a life recommendation. (Appellant's Initial Brief, p. 47). Appellant believes he is entitled to this relief for the following reasons.

The jury was not deadlocked (slip opinion, p. 9). Ther be no deadlock, as a matter of definition, at a penalty phase proceeding. As Rose made clear, six to six is a life recommendation, not deadlock.

Unlike Rose, sub judice, counsel for the defendant made it absolutely clear to the trial judge that six to six was a life recommendation, that the trial court had no alternative but to accept it and that counsel objected to any further deliberation by the jury. Both prosecution and defense agreed that six to six should be deemed a life recommendation. The so-called Allen charge was given over objection (Tr. pp. 1773-1778).

The error in refusing to accept the recommendation of the jury is solely the error of the trial judge. It is not unlike the situation in Central Taxi Service, Inc. v. Greenberg, 418 So.2d 333 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982) where the jury initially answered only three of four special verdict questions. The court sent the jury back with all four questions and the jury returned with a different answer to one of the three previosly answered questions, now finding the defendant not negligent. In approving the trial court's subsequent setting aside of the second verdict and adoption of the first answer, the court noted:

> Because the first verdict was not in fact published and, since it was incomplete, could

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2. United States ex rel. Ross v. Franzen, 688 F.2d 1181, 1187 (7th Cir. 1982)(Judge Cuadahy, dissenting).

3. Rose v. State, 425 So.2d 521 (Fla.), cert. denied, 461 U.S. 909, 103 S.Ct. 1883, 76 L.Ed.2d 812 (1983).

> not in any event have been deemed final or beyond its control, see Glecer v. Fletcher, 299 So.2d 134 (Fla. 3d DCA 1974), we recognize that the jury would have retained the theoretical authority to alter even its answers to questions 1-3, although it had been asked only to fill in the damages blank. . . . There is, however, utterly no basis for believing that it would have done so in fact under those circumstances. It is for this reason that we do not disapprove the discretionary conclusion that the new trial should concern only damages, rather than including the liability issue as well.

418 So.2d at 335, n.5 (citations omitted, emphasis in original).[4]

This Court failed to address the defendant's constitutional right to have the action of the jury accepted by the trial court. When the trial judge exceeds his authority and improperly cuts off the jury's decision making process, the defendant is entitled to the benefit of the jury's apparent verdict.

Defendant's entitlement flows from the fact that a trial judge has no authority to reject a jury's favorable treatment of the defendant. That has been true since at least 1670. Bushell's Case (1670) Vaughan's Rep. 135. It represents one of the great triumphs of the common law, the victory of the jury over the king. As a result, the judge is not authorized to prevent the return of a verdict in a criminal case. See, I Holdsworth, A History of English Law 337-347 (7th ed, reprinted 1971); Thayer, The Jury and its Development, Part III, 5 Harv. L. Rev. 357, 382-385 (1892).

It is difficult to find cases of recent origin on point. That is undoubtly because it is accepted as basic constitutional and common law that the court must accept the decision of the jury. One of the early case is State v. Arrington, 7 N.C. 355, 3 Mur. 571 (1819). A similar result was reached in the later case of State v. Ostrander, 30 Mo. 13 (1860). These early decisions established that the trial court must record the verdict first brought in so long as it is not an informal or insensible verdict, or one that is not responsive to the issues submitted.

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4. This is not a case in which the jury erred, like Grant v. State, 33 Fla. 291, 14 So. 757 (Fla. 1894).

Robert Patten's jury was ready to return a responsive verdict. The Court prevented it. Robert Patten is entitled to the benefit of that apparent verdict.

There is no authority that permits a "court to refuse to accept a verdict complete in substance and responsive to the issues." State v. Chambliss, 142 Miss. 256, ___, 107 So. 200, 202 (1926). The State may argue that there was no verdict. That is true in the sense that none of the formalities attendant to the return and entry of a verdict took place. But the fault lies with the trial judge, not the jury, and certainly not the defendant. In none of the cases which stand for the hornbook proposition that a court cannot reject a verdict were the formalities complied with. They couldn't be because the trial court refused to accept the verdict. That type of error cannot be permitted. The defendant is entitled to the jury's obvious recommendation of life.

A typical example of refusal to permit the trial judge to reject the jury's decision is State v. Craig, 176 N.C. 740, 97 S.E. 400 (1918). There the jury returned with a verdict of "not guilty". The judge sent the jury back to consider whether the verdict was "not guilty because of mental incapacity." The court held the trial court has no authority to send the jury back and that the first verdict was binding.

A case much closer to Robert Patten's situation is Darsey v. State, 138 Ga. 501, 71 S.E. 661 (1911), app. dis'd, 231 U.S. 741, 34 S.Ct. 318, 58 L.Ed. 462 (1913) where the jury returned with a guilty verdict for a non-charged lesser offense. The judge refused to accept the verdict and sent the jury back. The jury deadlocked and the judge declared a mistrial. The court held that double jeopardy prevented a retrial because the original verdict constituted an acquittal of the greater offenses and the trial court lacked the authority to refuse to accept it. See also, State ex rel. Earsom v. Fisher, 103 W.Va. 658, 138 S.E. 316 (1927). Indeed, the defendant is entitled to the benefit of the jury's decision even if the jury returns a verdict that is

contrary to the Court's charge. Register v. State, 10 Ga.App. 802, 74 S.E. 428 (1912).

That action of Robert Patten's trial judge is no different, for analytical purposes, from the action of a trial judge who grants a mistrial in the absence of manifest necessity. In both situations, the formalities attendant to the return of a verdict are cut off by the trial judge's error. In the mistrial situation, the judge's error results in barring a second trial because of the bar of double jeopardy. Thus, the defendant benefits from a totally unknown jury verdict. In Robert Patten's situation, the intent of the jury was obvious. The trial judge's error should not serve to deprive defendant of the benefit of the jury's recommendation for life.

In that respect, the case is like Grandberry v. Bonner, 653 F.2d 1010 (5th Cir. 1981) where the trial court abused its discretion by declaring a mistrial. Because there was no manifest necessity, the trial court erred. Retrial of the defendant was, therefore, barred by the Double Jeopardy Clause. Florida decisions are similar. State ex. rel. Williams v. Grayson, 90 So.2d 710 (Fla. 1956); State ex rel. Alcala v. Grayson, 23 So.2d 484 (1945); State ex rel. Wilson v. Lewis, 55 So.2d 118 (Fla. 1951). See also, U.S. v. Spinella, 506 F.2d 426 (5th Cir.), cert. denied, 423 U.S. 917 (1975).

Here the judge did not declare a mistrial. The defendant will not go free because the trial court erred. The defendant will, however, receive the benefit of the jury's untainted deliberations. There is no sound reason to deprive a capital defendant of the benefit of the jury's favorable recommendation. That does not seem unfair in light of the nature of the case and the nature of the error.

WHEREFORE, appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant the Motion for Rehearing and (1) recede from its determination that insanity is an affirmative defense or apply its decision that insanity is always an affirmative defense only prospectively and in either case reverse all convictions on the

ground that the state failed to prove an essential element of the offense, and (2) if the guilty finding is upheld, remand the matter for a new sentencing proceeding premised on the existence on a jury recommendation for life.

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EXHIBIT D

Supreme Court of Florida

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1985

ROBERT PATTEN, Appellant/Cross-Appellee,

vs.

STATE OF FLORIDA, Appellee/Cross-Appellant.

Case No. 61,945

Circuit Court Case No. 81-19702 (Dade County)

Appellant's motion to supplement the record in this cause is granted. We have considered appellant's motion for rehearing in light of our revised opinion in this cause and we deny the motion.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Clerk, Supreme Court

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EXHIBIT E

Everybody has one vote and everybody has the same say so and nobody with the biggest mouth controls.

Now, if the majority of the jury determine that Robert Patton should be sentenced to death, you should recommend an adversary sentence as follows: A majority of the jury advise and recommend to the Court that it impose the death penalty upon Robert Patton.

On the other hand, if by six or more votes the jury determines that Robert Patton should not be sentenced to death, your adversary sentence would be: The jury advises and recommends to the Court that it impose a sentence of life imprisonment upon Robert Patton without the possibility of parole for 25 years, and likewise, on that ballot, there is a spot for the vote.

Now, let me show that to everybody so you understand. There are two ballot forms with the style of the case.

The jury advises and recommends to the Court that it impose the death sentence upon Robert Patton. So say

we all, the majority and the foreperson again signing it.

There is a spot for and against for the number of votes. How many are voting for or against.

If the decision is to impose a life imprisonment sentence, there is a verdict that says: We, the jury, recommend to the Court that it impose a life of imprisonment upon Robert Patton without the possibility of parole for 25 years. So say the majority, foreperson, again, and a place for the vote.

Does everybody understand?

Now, you will retire to consider your recommendation.

When seven or more are in agreement as to what sentence should be recommended to the Court, that form of recommendation should be signed by your foreperson and returned to the Courtroom.

I will likewise, as in the other phase, give you paper and pencil for any communication.

I will give you the jury charges to consider and to read them if you want to and the form of the verdict.

At this time, you may now retire to consider your verdict.

(Whereupon, the jury exited the Courtroom at 3:55 p.m., after which the following proceedings were had:)

THE COURT: Other than the objections previously stated, are there any additional ones?

EXHIBIT P

Resuming State of Florida versus Robert Patton. Defendant present.

The Court has received the following note. It's quite interesting.

We have reached a six/six vote. On our instruction sheet it says, "On the other hand, if by six or more votes the jury determines that Robert Patton should not be sentenced to death, your adversary sentence will be: The jury advises and recommends that the Court impose the sentence of life imprisonment upon Robert Patton without the possibility of parole for 25 years.

On the other hand, in the next paragraph, it says: When seven or more are in agreement: What now?

That's exactly what the charges say. I noticed it. I've given it several times and I often wondered what would happen.

MS. LYONS: It's my understanding that if there's a six/six--

THE COURT: Here's a copy of the jury charge. They sent me the copy. It's very polite of them.

MS. LYONS: It's my understanding that if the vote is six/six, that's a life recommendation and that's the way--

THE COURT: What is the law on that?

MR. WAKSMAN: I noticed that when I was reading the charge this week.

THE COURT: I noticed it and I've been through this 13 times and I've never felt it would come up because it was an unusual thing.

On a majority vote, why would they go six/six? I could give them an Allen charge.

MS. LYONS: Your Honor, we would respectfully object to such a charge. If the Court needs some law concerning the fact of what a six/six recommendation means, I would like to ask the Court for a brief recess so we can provide that for the Court.

THE COURT: Granted. Take a few minutes. You take a look at it too.

Get me Florida Statute 921.141. Berger, go with him.

MR. BERGER: I read that through and I didn't see

anything covering that point.

THE COURT: Mr. Syden, bring them back in and let's do something. Get in Mr. Patton.

All right, Ms. Lyons, let's do something.

Resuming State of Florida versus Robert Patton.

Okay, Ms. Lyons, what is your position?

MS. LYONS: My position is that a six/six split is a recommendation for life.

THE COURT: Would the State stipulate to that or does the State disagree?

MR. WAKSMAN: Without any law--there doesn't appear to be a case on point that we could find, but a simple reading of the instruction--it says when six or more determine that death should not be imposed, the jury then recommends life. That's what it says.

THE COURT: Let me tell you what bothers me about that. I have gotten the Florida Standard Jury Charge in front of me, page 81 and 82, and I would like to make some comment about that, but then I would like to compare it to Florida Statutue 921.141 because I think the statute is controlling. The statute is what's concerning me here.

The Florida Standard Jury Charge says that your decision may be made by a majority of the jury. Then it goes on to talk in the next paragraph about whether

you recommend a sentence of life or a sentence of death.

Then it goes on to say: If the majority determine the sentence should be death, and then it goes on to say, which is the contradictory part: On the other hand, if by six or more votes, the jury determines that the Defendant should not be sentenced to death, your adversary sentence will be: "Life."

Then it goes on to say: When seven or more are in agreement as to what sentence should be recommended to the Court, that form of recommendation should be signed by your foreman and returned to the Court, so there are five places where they say a majority and only one place where it says six or more which is contrary by its nature.

In order to try and understand, I went back to the authorizing document which is Florida Statute 921.141 to determine whether or not there was anything like that in similar language in the authorizing statute and there isn't.

The statute says, and I quote: "Notwithstanding--" This is the only reference in the statute.

"Notwithstanding the recommendation of a majority of the jury, the Court after weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances shall enter a sentence of life or death," but the only reference in this statute

is to a majority. It doesn't say anything in that statute about six or more being a life imprisonment and it seems to me, since the statute is the authorizing document, what it basically is saying is that the authors of the standard charges have drafted an interpretation of the statute which may not be founded.

MS. LYONS: Your Honor, I would respectfully request at the very least some brief opportunity to do some research on this matter.

My reading of the statute, and I went back to the statute immediately too, is that the statute--it only speaks to a recommendation of life or a recommendation of death and then goes on to say what the Court may do; that the Court may impose life or death regardless of the recommendation by the jury which is why I would argue that based on the poor language of the statute--

THE COURT: This is what I will do. I will bring the jury in and I will say it is my understanding that after deliberating, you have a six/six deadlock, and Dennis will probably say yes, that's our position.

Okay, at that point, you can come side bar and say to me, "Based upon that, we think that there's a finding of life," and that will preserve your record.

I'll overrule your objection and I'll give the deadlock charge, and if they come back with the six/six

after the deadlock charge, then it's over. You take your position up and you can get it ruled on.

If they come back one way or another--it maybe in favor of you, seven/five. Then you're in good standing.

You can still take the position that six/six means life and I was wrong in what I did, but that way both sides are protected and we get a breaking of the deadlock because I don't know what the legal effects are of it and these people are sitting back there.

Any objection by that procedure?

MR. WAKSMAN: No, Your Honor.

THE COURT: You're objecting to it. Your position is; I should write them a note saying six/six is life imprisonment.

MS. LYONS: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Objection overruled.

Bring the jury in.

(Whereupon, the jury entered the Courtroom at 6:45 p.m.,after which the following proceedings were had:)

THE COURT: Everybody have a seat and relax for a minute. I know you have been working hard.

We are missing one person; right?

Mr. Levy?

JUROR NUMBER THREE: He will be just a moment.

THE COURT: Okay, all the jurors being in the

Courtroom, Mr. Dennis, I would like to ask you a question.

From your note, after almost three hours of deliberations, it is my understanding that it is as follows: That basically it's a six/six vote. Six jurors for life and six for death; is that correct?

MR. DENNIS: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: Here's what I would like to have you do: Now, I know all of you have worked very hard to find a-- to make a majority rec ndation in this case; okay?

A majority meaning seven, and apparently it has been impossible for you so far.

Sometimes an early vote before discussion can make it hard to reach a majority about the case.

The vote, not the discussion, might make it hard to see all sides of this issue.

Now, we are aware that it is legally permissible for a jury to disagree. There are two things the jury can lawfully do.

Agree on a verdict or disagree on what the facts of the case may truly be.

There is nothing to disagree about on the law. The law is as I told you. If you have any disagreements about the law, I should clear them for you now. That should be my problem, not yours.

If you disagree over what you believe the evidence

showed, then only you can resolve that conflict if it is to be resolved.

I have one request of you: By law, I cannot demand this of you, but I want each of you to go back into the jury room and then taking turns tell each of the other jurors about any weakness of your own position.

You should not interrupt each other or comment on each other's views until each of you have had a chance to talk.

After you have done that, if you simply cannot agree on a majority vote; okay? If you cannot agree on a majority vote, let me know and I will give you a further instruction; okay?

Mr. Dennis?

MR. DENNIS: The main question was some of the members of the jury felt there was a conflict, that they only--that a deadlock meant that--we were vague about whether we needed a majority vote for a life sentence.

THE COURT: Let me see the attorneys at side bar.

(Whereupon, the following side bar conference was held outside the presence of the jury:)

THE COURT: Rather then giving them an answer to that question, I would like to tell them this: I would like to say, "I'm not sure what the law is either on that issue. That's why I would like to have you agree to a

majority, but if you can't, and you still have six/six, then I want you to enter a vote for life.

That's exactly what I want to tell them. Any problem with that?

MR. WAKSMAN: No.

THE COURT: I'm not sure what the law is. If they can't come to an agreement or a majority, then let them sign the verdict for life as six/six.

That will be my instruction without you waiving any previous objections.

MS. LYONS: Without waiving any previous objection, we would accept that procedure.

(Whereupon, the side bar conference was concluded, after which the following proceedings were had:)

THE COURT: Mr. Dennis, I have been through this many, many times, and the answer to your question is: I don't know what the law is, quite frankly.

As you pointed out, there is a contradiction in the jury charge and because of that, I would like to see if you can agree on one or the other on a majority based on what I just suggested.

After trying it one more time, if you cannot resolve the six/six vote, then I want you to sign a recommendation for life imprisonment because I think that's what the jury charge says.

If you can agree on a majority to either life or death, without trying to pressure you, by talking it over one more time and agreeing one way or another, and I'm not suggesting any result, but if after trying one more time you can't agree and it's still six/six, I will instruct you to go ahead and sign that verdict form that includes life imprisonment without parole for 25 years.

Is that understood?

Do the very best you can. God love you.

Thank you.

(Whereupon, the jury exited the Courtroom at 6:50 p.m.,after which the following proceedings were had:)

THE COURT: Okay, everyone be seated for a minute.

I understand both sides position, but for the Appellate Court, whether it be the Third District or Supreme Court, I want them to understand my feelings which is basically that in the moments that are before the Court, I have to make fast decisions. I don't have the ability like an Appellate Court does of taking six months to decide what should be done, you know, embanked with a lot of briefs. I got five minutes or ten minutes to try to decide what is right.

I don't know what the law is. It appears from the statute it should be a majority, but the charge says six or more is life, so what I have tried to do, basically,

so the Appellate Court understands my position, is that I felt by giving the deadlock charge, it would not force anything on anybody and I tried to modify it based on a jury recommendation as opposed to a verdict.

I'm going to follow what the jury standard charges say.

I think in this way I protected your record completely. You know, if they got a six/six deadlock, if I'm wrong, you got the appellate record. You know, they can come back and say it was six/six and I shouldn't have done another thing and they've got to come back with life.

If that ain't the law, what is in the Florida Standard Charges, then--and the State maybe right or I maybe right and then I would protect the State's interest but by not knowing what the law is, I have tried to provide for both sides in my actions.

That is all I can say. Thank you.

EXHIBIT G

ARGUMENT

I

THE STATE (APPELLEE) DID NOT HAVE TO INTRODUCE EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH THAT APPELLANT WAS SANE AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENSE, WHERE NO EVIDENCE WAS INTRODUCED AT THE TIME OF TRIAL, SO AS TO RAISE THE AFFIRMATIVE OF NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY. (Restated).

Appellant contends that his prior adjudication of insanity required Appellee (the State) to establish his sanity as an essential element of its case. Appellee submits that Appellant's contention is legally erroneous. The State does not have to introduce evidence to establish that a defendant was sane at the time of the offense where no evidence was introduced at the time of trial so as to raise the affirmative defense of not guilty by reason of insanity.

It is important to remember that there is a clear legal distinction between the issue of insanity at the time of the offense and the competency of a defendant to stand trial. This Court has recently reiterated the criteria which are used in Florida for ascertaining whether a defendant is competent to stand trial. In Scott v. State, 420 So.2d 595, 597 (Fla. 1982), the court stated the following:

> The competency criteria for Florida are the same as those for federal cases: "whether [the defendant] has sufficient present ability to consult with his lawyer with a

> reasonable degree of rational under standing--and whether he has a rational as well as factual understanding of the proceedings against him." Dusky v. United States, 362 U.S. 402, 402, 80 S.Ct. 788, 789, 4 L.Ed.2d 824 (1960); Lane v. State, 388 So.2d 1022 (Fla. 1980). In order to determine this, it is the responsibility of the trial court to conduct a hearing for competency to stand trial whenever it reasonably appears necessary to ensure that a defendant meets the standard of competency. §918.15, Fla.Stat. (1979); Fla.R.Crim.P. 3.210 (1979).

In compliance with the above-enumerated criteria, the trial court conducted a full hearing prior to the trial as to the issue of whether or not Appellant was competent to stand trial (See R. Exh. 51-102). The record demonstrates that substantial, competent evidence was adduced at said hearing to support the trial court's ultimate finding. The trial court considered the eleven criteria enumerated in Rule 3.211, Fla.R.Crim.P. and found Appellant competent to stand trial. (R. Exh. 99). Thus, Appellant was judicially declared competent prior to the actual commencement of his trial.

The issue which is actually presented is whether the affirmative defense of insanity at the time of the offense (as opposed to competency to stand trial) was ever raised by Appellant and if so, whether the burden was ever shifted to the State requiring proof of sanity at the time of the offense.

In Patterson v. New York, 432 U.S. 197, 97 S.Ct. 197, 97 S.Ct. 2319, 53 L.Ed.2d 281 (1977), the United States Supreme Court declined to adopt as a constitutional imperative, operative countrywide, that a State must disprove beyond a reasonable doubt every fact constituting any and all affirmative defenses related to the culpability of an accused. Patterson, supra, makes it clear that so long as a jury is instructed that the State has the burden of proving every element of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt, there is no due process violation. Krzeminski v. Perini, 614 F.2d 121, 123 (6th Cir. 1980). The State may properly place the burden of proving affirmative defenses such as self-defense, extreme emotional disturbance or insanity upon the defendant. Krzeminski, supra at 123; Patterson, supra; Hankerson v. North Carolina, 432 U.S. 233, 97 S.Ct. 2339, 53 L.Ed.2d 306 (1977); Rivera v. Delaware, 429 U.S. 877, 97 S.Ct. 226, 50 L.Ed.2d 160 (1976), dismissing for want of a substantial federal question, 351 A.2d 561 (Del. 1976); Leland v. Oregon, 343 U.S. 790, 72 S.Ct. 1002, 96 L.Ed. 130 (1952).

The Constitution does not compel a State to adopt a burden shifting principle on the issue of criminal capacity. The burden of proving insanity could constitutionally remain at all times on the defendant. Stacy v. Love, 679 F.2d 1209 (6th Cir. 1982); Leland v. Oregon, supra.

In United States v. Collins, 690 F.2d 431, 434 (5th Cir. 1982), the Court stated that it had never defined the quantum of evidence necessary to constitute sufficiency for submitting the issue of sanity to a jury; instead, each case must be decided on its own facts, with careful attention to the weight of the evidence presented on both sides.

Patterson, supra, makes it clear that such a case by case analysis should be made based upon the State's own substantive law as to the burden of proving affirmative defenses. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has held that when raised as a defense in a criminal case the issue of a defendant's sanity is for the jury, to be determined from all the evidence. United States v. Davis, 513 F.2d 320 (5th Cir. 1975). This language makes it clear that an affirmative defense is a defense which must be raised. Thus, any presumptions which attach as to the issue will not be invoked until such an issue is actually raised.

Florida law has always required some quantum of evidence prior to shifting the burden of proof as to sanity at the time of the offense to the State. The Florida standard for sanity at the time of the offense is the ability to distinguish right and wrong, the M'Naghten test. Ferguson v. State, 367 So.2d 631 (Fla. 1982); Zamora v. State, 361 So.2d 776 (Fla. 3d DCA 1978). A defendant's sanity at the time of

the offense is a factual question for the jury. Ferguson, supra at 435. See also Eason v. State, 421 So.2d 35, 37 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982). Thus, the issue becomes a fact question as to a defendant's affirmative defense.

The burden of proving insanity is on the defendant because he is presumed sane under the law. When he rebuts the presumption of sanity by presenting evidence of insanity sufficient to raise a reasonable doubt, the burden then shifts to the State to prove sanity beyond the reasonable doubt. Johnson v. State, 408 So.2d 813, 815 n. 2 (Fla. 3d DCA 1982); see also, Brock v. State, 69 So.2d 344 (Fla. 1954). Once there is testimony sufficient to present a reasonable doubt as to sanity at the time of the offense, the presumption vanishes and the burden is shifted. See, Blatch v. State, 216 So.2d 261 (Fla. 3d DCA 1968). Where defense evidence is insufficient to create a reasonable doubt as to sanity at the time of the offense, the presumption of sanity will not be overcome. Trotter v. State, 377 So.2d 34 (Fla. 1st DCA 1979).

The federal courts have held that at least "some evidence" must be introduced to weaken a defendant's presumption of sanity. See, e.g. United States v. Marable, 657 F.2d 75 (4th Cir. 1981); United States v. Henderson, 680 F.2d 659 (9th Cir. 1982); United States v. Coffman, 567 F.2d 960 (10th Cir. 1977).

Regardless of the amount of evidence which is needed to shift the burden of proof, an affirmative defense is clearly involved. The issue will not be presented where there is absolutely no evidence is raised before the jury. A defendant is not entitled to a court ruling on the minimal sufficiency of the prosecution's evidence as to a defense that the accused has not placed in issue. United States v. Myers, 692 F.2d 823 (2d Cir. 1982). This is especially true in light of the fact that the defense of insanity can be waived. See Scarborough v. United States, 683 F.2d 1323 (11th Cir. 1982).

It is true that a prior adjudication of insanity can be evidence of insanity. See e.g. Boone v. State, 183 So.2d 869, 871 (Fla. 1st DCA 1966); Hixon v. State, 165 So.2d 436, 439 (Fla. 2d DCA 1964). Yet the jury must be presented with some evidence to this effect. In fact, the jury instruction as to insanity clearly notes that if the evidence establishes that the defendant had been adjudged insane by a court, and restoration of legal sanity has not occurred, the jury should assume that the defendant was legally insane at the time of the commission of the alleged crime, unless the evidence convinces the jury otherwise. See, 3.04(b), Florida Standard Jury Instructions.

The issue of the general validity of the common evidentiary device of the presumption has been discussed by the United States Supreme Court in County Court of Ulster County, New York v. Allen, 442 U.S. 140, 99 S.Ct. 2213, 60 L.Ed.2d 777 (1979). In that case, the court noted that in criminal cases, the ultimate test of any device's constitutional validity is that the device must not undermine the fact finder's responsibility at trial.

Although the ultimate burden of proof in a criminal prosecution always remains with the prosecution, United States v. Manetta, 551 F.2d 1352 (5th Cir. 1977); Davis v. United States, 160 U.S. 469, 16 S.Ct. 353, 40 L.Ed. 499 (1895), the defendant must make the question of sanity an issue before the burden shifts to the state. The question must be in issue before the evidentiary device of a presumption comes into play.

In the cause sub judice, it was irrelevant whether or not there was in fact a prior adjudication of insanity. The appellant introduced no evidence of any kind to place sanity at time of the offense in issue. In fact no formal notice of intent to rely on an insanity defense was filed. Thus, regardless of whether the presumption was applicable in light of the trial court's finding that Appellant was "competent" to stand trial, Appellant did nothing to raise the

ultimate issue so as to shift the burden of proof to the State.

Moreover, the evidence adduced pursuant to the competency hearing (R. Ex. 50-100) as well as the psychological reports of the appointed doctors (See R. 553; 557) clearly demonstrate that had Appellant raised the issue of insanity, the State could have easily rebutted any presumption which may have followed. Even the defendant's girlfriend testified that Appellant felt he would be able to basically fool examining physicians. (See R. Exh. 90). The record does not demonstrate that had defense counsel sought to actually raise an insanity defense, there would have been affirmative evidence to support said theory of defense. Based upon this factor, it is unlikely that failure to raise insanity as a defense could be asserted as grounds for a ineffective assistance of counsel claim, see Holmes v. State, __So.2d___ (Fla. 1983)(Case No. 61,672; Opinion filed February 3, 1983) [8 F.L.W. 56].

The decisions which Appellant has relied upon are not controlling, as they are by the most part based upon the burden which the State bears as to competency to stand trial, not as to the burden of proof as to sanity at the time of the offense. It is apparent, that older decisions of Florida courts used the terms "incompetency" and

"insanity" interchangeably. Appellant had failed to demonstrate that the State failed to meet its burden of proof as to the elements of the charged offense. Prior to trial, Appellant was judically declared competent to stand trial. No evidence of insanity was presented to the jury, nor did Appellant seek to rely on insanity as a defense. Affirmance of Appellant's conviction is therefore mandated.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am a member of the bar of this Court and that I served the annexed Apperdix to the Petition for Certiorari on respondent by placing a copy in the United States mail, first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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